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COUNTRY Germany (Soviet Zone)

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TOPIC Altenburg Airfield

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EVALUATION [REDACTED]

PLACE OBTAINED [REDACTED]

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DATE OF CONTENT 16 May to 11 June 1951

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DATE OBTAINED [REDACTED]

DATE PREPARED 12 July 1951

REFERENCES

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REMARKS

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SOURCE [REDACTED]

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- [REDACTED] 1. The twin-engine transports stationed at Altenburg airfield made many flights between 16 and 18 May 1951. Jet fighters repeatedly flew over the field. There was no flying at the field on 19 May. Take-offs and landings were practiced on 20 and 21 May. On the mornings of 22 and 23 May, practice take-offs and landings were made, and in the evening night flights were made while the boundary lights were switched on and spotlights illuminated the landing strip. On the morning of 24 May, individual [REDACTED] 25X1C parachute jumps were made from three aircraft. At 6 p.m., one parachutist each jumped from five planes. On 25 May, 3 transports and 1 single-engine high-wing monoplane practiced taking off and landings. At 10 a.m. on 26 May, seven transports took off. Ten minutes later, three parachutists jumped from each plane over the field. There was no flying on 27 May. At 8:45 p.m. on 28 May, nine transports practiced night flying while the boundary lights were on and the runway was illuminated by spotlights.

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- [REDACTED] 2. On 2 June, two squadrons of transports left the field in formation. They did not return until 4 June.

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3. On 24 and 29 May and 1 and 8 June, night flights were made. Two planes repeatedly took off at short intervals. The take-offs and landings were made while searchlights on the ground flashed up for a short period. In addition to red boundary lights and a rotary searchlight mounted on a truck, which were switched on during flying activity, five piles of wood, three on the left side and two on the right side at the end of the runway were burning.

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4. Between 24 May and 11 June, the field was occupied by about 25 to 28 twin-engine transports. The company which had about 200 recruits was no longer seen and was probably transferred.

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5. During the period of observation, swept-back jet fighters in formations of two to six planes flew over the field almost daily. The aircraft did not land at the field. On 9 June, a flight of twin-engine semi-high-wing monoplanes with double rudder assemblies landed at the field and took off again two hours later.

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* [redacted] Comment. Parachuting was repeatedly reported. The jumps were probably performed by soldiers of army units who were detached to the air transport regiment stationed in Altenburg. The air transport regiment is equipped with about 30 Li-2s and some Po-2s.

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